of congressional tariff authority to the Executive. In the name of targeting a ''facilitator,'' the Executive could target and tariff any country for any reason under the methodology of this language.

Congress cannot and Congress must not give this type of blanket delegation of tariff authority to this Executive—or, for that matter, to any Chief Executive.

We are all very much indebted to Senator Graham and Senator BLUMENTHAL for their relentless pursuit of a Russian sanctions bill and to the many others who have fought to keep Ukraine at the center of the Senate's agenda. Colleagues like Senator SHAHEEN, Senator WICKER, Senator MCCONNELL, Senator WHITEHOUSE, Senator RISCH, and Senator MURKOWSKI, among others, have all been critical to protecting freedom in Ukraine and America's national security interests in Europe.

But in all my own personal conversations with Senator Graham and, I suspect, in all the discussions my colleagues had with Senator Graham, he was always focused on specific and binding language that would enable and it would require the Executive to impose tariffs on buyers of Russian oil, not on undefined ''facilitators.''

Senator BLUMENTHAL, who spoke to Senator Graham just before he died, has informed us that Lindsey was over the moon about this bill. But the Presiding Officer and I both know Senator Graham was really unique among us. Despite the open-ended language about ''facilitators,'' Senator Graham had a unique relationship with President Trump, and if any among us could have persuaded President Trump to carry out Congress' narrow and limited intent, it was Senator Graham.

But without Senator Graham, our language must specify our intent and do so with absolute clarity: Go after the buyers. That was Senator Graham's goal, and we must have language that makes achieving that goal real.

That is why, when we take up the Graham-Blumenthal bill, I will offer an amendment to strike the overly vague delegation of tariff authorities to also target ''facilitators'' of sanctions evasions.

As currently written, the ''facilitator'' provision enables the Executive, with full congressional authorization, to impose any tariffs on any country, for any reason, so long as the Executive labels the tariffed country a ''facilitator.''

If we delete the ''facilitator'' provision, as I propose, we do achieve Senator Graham's goal without his bill being used for any other purposes. In doing so, the bill will retain the original tariff authority that only targets buyers of Russian oil.

Senator Graham and many of us, myself included, agreed about maximizing the imperative of sanctions and tariff tools to hurt Putin and stop his aggression against Ukrainian civilians, and I hope we can honor Senator Graham by quickly coming together to pass a bipartisan bill that will specifically and effectively target the companies and countries that are buying the oil that Putin is using to pay for the missiles and the bombs that are raining down on the innocent people of Ukraine.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:12 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate July 28, 2026:

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

WALTER CLAYTON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.